

COUNTY TICKET PROPOSED

Mr. Editor:—How would this ticket suit Pocahontas county? For Judge, Henry Gilmer; for Circuit Clerk, J. H. Patterson; for County Clerk, S. L. Brown; for Representative, Andrew Price; for State Senate, Dr. C. L. Austin; for County Commissioner, Col. A. C. L. Gatewood.

SOUR GRAPES

We thank our honorable friend from the upper end who has so kindly nominated us for the legislature. We are not prepared to accept it at this time being too hard up to stand but a very few days in the giddy whirl in the fair city of Charleston. The man who goes to the legislature ought to be a man with money enough to board at the Ruffner and play unlimited game of poker so that he may have some standing in the august body and do something for the county. Not long since we felt an itch for office. We desired to be placed in some position of power where we could exercise a beneficent influence and mould fashion things more to the hearts desire, than Roosevelt seems to be doing, but that feeling was fully satisfied by being elevated to the position of councilman of the town of Marlinton by the sovereign voters of that municipality. Therefore we decline.

There is another grave reason why we should fear to launch away in the sea of politics. We believe it to be wrong to shed blood, and how a man that is a democrat of Edray district, who has run a newspaper in this country, for ten years, and who inherited a score of political feuds from his ancestry could get through one of the typical campaigns without being the cause of some blood being spilt, is more than we can see.

We also take the liberty to decline the judgeship for Mr. Henry Gilmer as we do not elect a judge this year. May Judge Mc Whorter flourish like a green, bay tree. He has made us a modest judge, and grows younger each year, apparently.

POSTAL LAWS

A short time ago the third assistant post master general, Mr. Madden, gave out a sort of a ruling which struck more terror to the heart of the average country newspaper man than anything which has happened for a long time. It was to the effect that newspapers could not be mailed at the pound rate to any subscriber who had not paid in advance. Some newspapers, ours among the number, saw bright visions of good times ahead when our subscription list was paid in advance, we could know where we were at with our numerous subscribers.

Those subscriptions which were not paid in advance would have to be stamped each week with a one cent stamp, which would make it impossible to extend credit to any one, no matter how solvent he might be.

As it might be expected a howl went up from the patrons of the country newspapers, as this ruling seems to overlook the fact that it is extremely dangerous to pay the average country weekly to far ahead, as the heartless sheriff is apt to come around and lay a levy and chain up the press. It also made it possible for the country editor to decamp with vast sums of money received for the paper in advance and Spain would be crowded with printers, each of them bringing a large chest of silver dollars they had received on subscription.

Taking the mutability of country newspapers into consideration the assistant postmaster general has ruled out his ruling and says that newspapers may extend a reasonable credit—fifteen or twenty years, we suppose.

We wonder what he would have said to a case in Rockingham County, Virginia, where the bill of the Rockingham Register for subscription against the estate of a deceased octogenarian was over fifty dollars, and it took the best cow on the place to pay it. That credit was reasonable as it was paid in full.

APPOINTMENTS

M. E. Church Rev. A. M. Crabtree
February, 1902
1st Sunday—Mary's Chapelon
Eck, 10 a. m. Slaty Fork, 3 p. m.
2nd Sunday—Swago 10 a. m.
Marlinton 3 p. m.

Quarterly Meeting at Edray
February 15 and 16. Preaching
Friday night previous at 7 p. m.
4th Sunday—West Union at 10
30 a. m.; Laurel Creek at 3 p. m.

HISTORY OF POCOHON-
TAS COUNTY.

An Extended Review Given in the Sunday Times of Richmond, Virginia.

Some Facts Relating to the Price Family, Gathered with Indefinite by a Member of the Pinnacle Branch of that Relationship.

The following is an article from the Richmond Times, which deals with the county history recently published, and the author's family history. Not being particularly modest we publish some interesting facts concerning the Price relationship.

In a recent book of local history—"Sketches of Pocahontas County," published by Price Bros. and written by the father of the publishers, Reverend William T. Price of Marlinton, West Virginia—I find many things of interest to the student of folk lore. The author has been for forty years an acceptable minister of the Presbyterian Church. He has written several books and graduated before the war at several colleges, among them, Union Theological Seminary.

He married a Miss Randolph, of Richmond, and has reared a fine family of professional men and women, for one of his daughters is a medical student of Baltimore.

His sons own their own publishing plant and publish the principal newspaper in their county.

This book I speak of is unique. It is a home product even the paper made in the county from the woods to the pulp mill. It is a pedigree history of all most every one in the county, and there are many beautiful sermons interwoven through the somber whole. Like the flowers in a piece of tapestry.

The loving pastor has stood by the people in joys and sorrows, and now in his old age—he is seventy one—retired to the pleasant fire-side reflections of a well spent life—he chronicles all the happenings with name and date of the county, from the first settlers to the weddings he attended last year.

In here, he does not forget his own interesting life stories, of the brother who was killed near Richmond, nor of the others in the Confederate States Army.

One of his relatives was a planter of the South who offered a regiment of slaves to the Confederacy, but as Mr. Price says with a touch of humor that "the South did not deem them worth of such service, but put them to work on the roads and fortresses.

There is a modest reference to Mr. Price's grandfather, Lieutenant Thomas Price, to whom he refers in his history of Pocahontas County. He lived in Botetourt County, at the time of his death, and the old homestead at which this gentleman lived, and where Mr. Price's father was born was not very far from Newcastle.

Lieutenant Thomas Price was the great-grandfather of your correspondent, and my own recent historical researches reveals him as a character not unworthy of a more extended history than Mr. Price has given in this published book. Moreover Mr. Price owing to his source of information confuses the identity of his grandfather with another member of the same Welsh family. He writes me that he gave the matter of his grandfather and great-grandfather little thought and no research at all; depending entirely upon tradition he will include an extended and correct account in his second edition.

It would seem that this is read by some "shall NEVER be free from claims set upon the part of the M. E. Church."

Under this authority the M. E. Church South was organized in 1845 and the Senior Bishop, although born in Maine, adhered to us. The pro rata procedure of the publishing houses were not paid over and a suit was instituted and carried to the Supreme Court of the United States, which gave a verdict in favor of the Southern Church and ordered \$270,000 to be paid over to the proper agents. The decision of the Supreme Court contains the following statements:

"The division of the church by the organization of the M. E. Church South, became complete, and from this time two separate and distinct organizations have taken the place of the one previously existing. We do not agree that the division was made without proper authority. The authority which founded the church in 1784 has divided it and established two separate and independent organizations, occupying the place of the old one."

After thirty years of injustice the M. E. Church did the "amende honorable" and the General Conferences of both churches agreed upon a "Declaration and Basis of Fraternity," saying, "Each of said churches is a legitimate branch of Episcopal Methodism in the United States, having a common origin in the M. E. Church organized in 1784 and constitute one Methodist family, though separate in distinct ecclesiastical connections." Some persons seem not to have heard that George Washington is dead. At our last General Conference in 1898, Rev. Joseph F. Berry, D. D., editor of the Epworth League Herald, and Senator Oliver of Iowa, were the accredited fraternal delegates from the M. E. Church. Their addresses contain such expressions as these:

"These sister churches have had a substantial growth. Our fathers parted more in sorrow than in anger. It is comparatively unimportant whether these two organizations, identical in origin, in doctrine, and in administration come together or go in their separate ways. Your leaders of that generation notably acted within their rights but also within their duty."

These are the sentiments of the representative men of the M. E. Church. Would that the "Sister Potatoes" could catch the same spirit.

Suppose the directors of the Bank of Marlinton should decide at a regular meeting that if certain directors, say those living in the Levels district, should demand it for the furtherance of their business that another Bank of Marlinton be established in that territory, and Mr. McNeil, the president, and the directors should establish such bank, drawing out their capital in the Bank of Marlinton and Marlinton, would not the last

This zero weather would have been unbearable if it had not been for the warm things the Pocahontas Bargain House is selling. They say they have been able in the past to furnish such excellent quality of cold weather necessities at such low prices and that the winter was so far advanced they are very anxious to get rid of what remained rather than carry it over.

HISTORY OF METHODISM

Interesting Letters from Rev. W. J. White and W. L. Ervin

DISCUSSING THE ORIGIN OF THE TWO
BRANCHES OF THE CHURCH

Editor of The Times:

I have no desire to enter the field of controversy, but I do beg space in your valued paper for a few words called forth by an article by Rev. A. M. Crabtree in your issue of February 13.

The vulgar reference to the origin of the various branches of the Methodist Church would become the old church. In words quoted by Senator Dooliver in the address referred to I also say, "Let us have peace."

Yours Respectfully,
W. J. WHITESELL
Academy, W. Va.

Editor Times:

In your issue of February 6th, we notice a letter from Rev. W. J. Whitesell in answer to an article on "Ecclesiastical Impoliteness," from the Methodist Advocate.

Permit me to say a few words in answer to Rev. Mr. Whitesell's letter. He says "All Protestants should have the greatest respect for the church which has such a noble record"—the M. E. Church.

But the M. E. Church would only be comparable to calling the M. E. Church South the "Slave" or the "Rebel" Church. We would ask the worthy gentleman to show anything in the history of the Methodist Episcopal Church that would warrant this stigma.

Mr. Robb, the popular hotelman and night watchman at the big mill has been temporarily confined with grippe.

In Cass we still spell ice with three letters, but it is said in some of the lumber camps and railroad camps they are spelling it (them) with four letters beginning with an "I."

One man who quit one camp declared that there was enough (ice) in that camp to pull a box car up grade.

Jimmie Sevay, the debonair drayman and stable manager, has just received some fine specimens of imported swine and domestic fowls. Jimmie is a hustler.

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